(54) Title: MONITORING TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK ELEMENTS
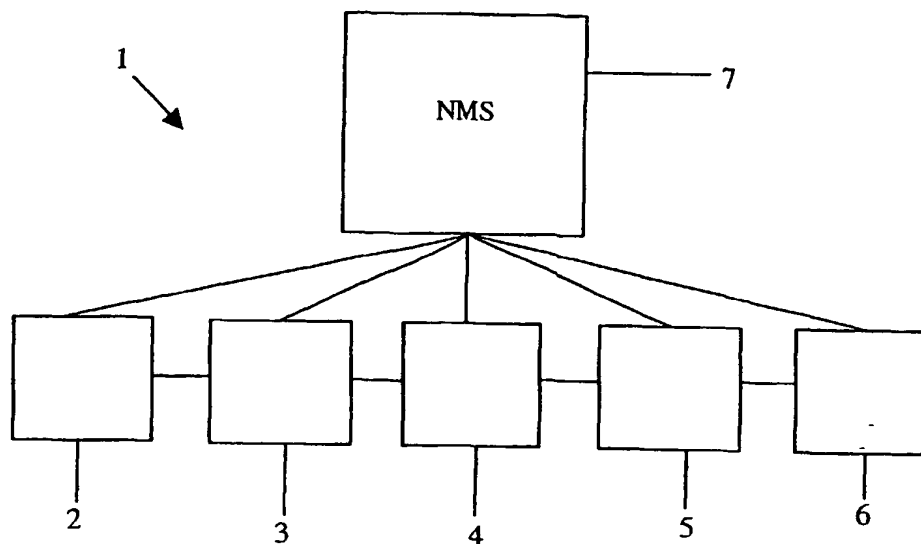
(57) Abstract: A method of monitoring the status of one or more network elements (NEs) (2 to 6) linked together in a telecommuni-cation network (1), comprising receiving a down status notification from a NE in the network (1), identifying one or more other NEs which are linked to the NE, polling the or each other NE to determine the status thereof. The status of a NE may be operational i.e. up, or non-operational i.e. down. A down status notification may be received from a NE if the NE determines that the status of any other NE linked thereto is down. The down status notification may contain information on the NE which has output the notification. Identifying the or each other NE may comprise accessing the down status notification to obtain information on the NE which has output the notification, and using the information to obtain the identification of the or each other NE. Polling the or each other NE may comprise sending at least one SNMP get request to the NE. The method may be carried out using a network management system (NMS) (7) of the network (1).